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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 DOUGLAS VERNON HUDSON,

CASE NO. C21-5827JLR

11 Plaintiff,

ORDER

12 v.

13 CHARLES W. SCHARF, et al.,

14 Defendants.

15 Before the court is Plaintiff Douglas Vernon Hudson's motion to show authority.

16 (Mot. (Dkt. # 40).) Mr. Hudson asks the court to compel counsel for Defendant Charles
17 W. Scharf to provide proof of their authority to act on behalf of Mr. Scharf, including by
18 providing answers to interrogatories and requests for admissions. (*See id.* at 1-2; *see also*

19 Interrogatories (Dkt. # 40-1).) Mr. Hudson's motion is properly noted for April 22, 2022.

20 (*See* 4/7/22 Dkt. Entry.) However, the court finds Mr. Hudson's motion to be frivolous
21 and, thus, exercises its discretion to decide the motion without waiting for responsive or

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1 reply briefs. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1 (instructing the court “to secure the just, speedy, and
2 inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding”).

3 Mr. Hudson does not provide any non-frivolous reasons for the court to doubt that
4 attorneys Sean R. Higgins and Raina V. Wagner validly represent Mr. Scharf in this
5 action. (*See generally* Mot.) Ms. Wagner has complied with the court’s local rules by
6 entering her appearance on Mr. Scharf’s behalf. (*See* NOA (Dkt. # 22)); *see also* Local
7 Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 83.2. Mr. Higgins has likewise complied with the local rules by
8 applying for permission to appear in this matter *pro hac vice*, which the court has
9 granted. (PHV Mot. (Dkt. # 24); 2/18/22 Order (Dkt. # 25)); Local Rules W.D. Wash.
10 LCR 83.1(d).

11 For the foregoing reasons, Mr. Hudson’s motion (Dkt. # 40) is DENIED. The
12 court REMINDS Mr. Hudson of his obligation to avoid making motions that serve no
13 purpose other than harassing his opposing parties, or their counsel, or needlessly
14 increasing the cost of this litigation. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(b). Failure to comply with
15 that obligation may result in sanctions against Mr. Hudson. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(c).

16 Dated this 7th day of April, 2022.

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JAMES L. ROBART
United States District Judge